

September 2008

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The Sister Rose Thering Endowment will again conduct an essay contest in conjunction with the film you received from the New Jersey Commission for Holocaust Education, *Sister Rose's Passion*. The endowment, named in honor and memory of Sister Rose who devoted her life to reducing prejudice and promoting dialogue among all people, is offering this contest for students in grades 9-12.

To those teachers who have already taken advantage of the gift of the DVD sent to you, we are most appreciative that you found the time to show it either to your classes or your colleagues and have submitted your most helpful evaluations to Dr. Paul Winkler, Executive Director of the New Jersey Holocaust Commission. The goal of the donor of the DVD's, David Ganz, a retired businessman from Boston, is that it will be shown in every middle and high school throughout the country so our children will become aware of Sister Rose's accomplishments. We are honored and pleased that Mr. Ganz's first gift was made to New Jersey for distribution to our schools.

The topic for the essay is **How does *Sister Rose's Passion* relate to an experience in your life?** Four prizes will be awarded, one for each level of high school, plus four honorable mention awards. The guidelines and application for the contest are included with this letter. We hope you will be able to announce the contest to your students when you show the film in your classes. **The deadline for submission of applications is February 16, 2009. Presentation of awards will take place at an event to be announced and will take place at Seton Hall University.** The winners and their teachers, family and friends will be invited.

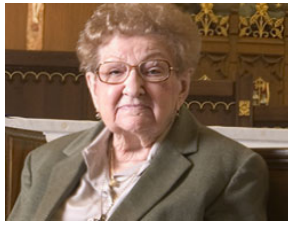
We look forward to working with you and hope you will encourage your students to enter the contest. Please feel free to copy the application and distribute it to your students. Any questions can be directed to either Dr. Winkler at 609-292-9274 or our office at 973-761-9006.

Very sincerely yours,

David Bossman, Ph.D.
Executive Director and
Professor of Jewish-Christian Studies

Paul Gibbons
Chairman of the Board

**SISTER ROSE THERING ENDOWMENT
STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST CRITERIA**



1. **Topic:** How does the film *Sister Rose's Passion* relate to an experience in your life?
2. **Guidelines:** After viewing the film, write an essay on the above topic in five-hundred words (about 2 pages, typewritten, double-spaced, one side only on 8 ½" x 11" paper with 1-inch margins.)
3. **Criteria:** Essays will be judged on originality, eloquence of style and structure (how well you planned and wrote your thoughts) and relevance to the topic. Papers will be judged according to grade level of the student.
4. All essays will be kept on file in the office of the Sister Rose Thering Endowment at Seton Hall University and will not be returned to students. Completed release forms (see attached) must accompany all entries to allow for publication by the endowment in relation to its mission of educating teachers about the Holocaust.
5. **Deadline for submitting essays: no later than February 2, 2009**
6. **How to enter:** Complete the application below and submit it with your essay.

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**Essay Contest Committee
Sister Rose Thering Endowment
Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079**

Student's Name _____
First Middle initial Last

Student's home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Student's phone number (_____) _____

Name of School _____

School address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

School phone number (_____) _____

Name of teacher _____

Student's year in school (circle one) 9th 10th 11th 12th